

1. Let  $G$  be a group and suppose that  $x^2 = 1$  for every element  $x \in G$ . Prove that  $G$  is Abelian.
  2. Determine all possible orders of elements in the groups
    - a)  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ ;
    - b)  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ ;
    - c)  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ ;
    - d)  $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ ;
    - e\*)  $GL(2, \mathbb{Q})$ ?
  3. Prove that every group of even order has an element of order 2.
  4. Let  $g$  be an element of order  $o(g) = n$  in a group, and let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that
    - a)  $o(g^k) = \frac{n}{(n, k)}$ ;
    - b)  $\langle g^k \rangle = \langle g \rangle \Leftrightarrow (n, k) = 1$ .
 Formulate and prove the corresponding statements for elements of infinite order.
  5. Let  $\emptyset \neq H \subseteq G$ . Prove that  $H \leq G$  if and only if  $HH = H$  and  $H^{-1} = H$ .
  6. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subgroups of  $G$ . Prove that  $AB = \{ab \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $AB = BA$ .
  7. Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $A$  and  $B$  two subgroups of  $G$ . Prove that  $|AB| = \frac{|A| \cdot |B|}{|A \cap B|}$ .
  8. Determine the order of the permutation  $(1345)(236)(41)$ .
  9. Determine the number of cyclic subgroups in the symmetric group  $S_4$ .
  10. Prove that any infinite group has infinitely many subgroups.
  11. Let  $K$  be a field with  $q$  elements. What is the order of the general linear group  $GL(n, K)$  of all invertible  $n \times n$  matrices over  $K$  and of the special linear group  $SL(n, K)$  of all  $n \times n$  matrices over  $K$  with determinant 1?
  - 12\*. Find elements of order 2, 3 and 7 in the group  $GL(3, 2)$ . Prove that  $GL(3, 2)$  has no element of order 6.
- HW1.** Do the element of the open interval  $(-1, 1)$  form a group with respect to the multiplication  $a * b = \frac{a + b}{1 + ab}$ ?
- HW2.** Determine the number of elements of order 6 in  $S_7$ .
- HW3.** Prove that  $o(ab) = o(ba)$  for any elements  $a, b$  of a group  $G$ .